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1. MY MEETING WITH FONMIN SUWAIDI EVENING JANUARY 17 WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY I HAD TO DISCUSS URGENT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION BY ARAB STATES TO UNRWA. I HAD PREVIOUSLY RAISED MATTER WITH MINSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS RASHID ABDALLAH ON DEC. 15 AND DCM HAD RAISED WITH CHIEF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN MFA YACUB AL KINDI ON DEC 17. BOTH HAD INDICATED THAT ANY EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE RAISED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUWAIDI.

2. SUWAIDI LISTENED CAREFULLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY TO MY PRESENTATION, ASKING WHAT WE EXPECTED US CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE IN FY 1978, WHAT WERE CONTRIBUTIONS BY ARAB STATES IN 1976 AND 1977, AND WHAT IS OUR ESTIMATE OF CURRENT UNRWA SHORTFALL (\$10.5 MILLION). SUWAIDI WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT UAE HAD

MADE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION IN 1977. I POINTED OUT THAT STATEMENT HAD APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS EARLY IN NOVEMBER 1977 QUOTING UAE REP AT UN IN NEW YORK AS STATING THAT UAE HAD CONTRIBUTED \$2 BILLION MORE TO UNRWA. HOWEVER, ON CHECKING LATER, WE DISCOVERED THAT HE HAD BEEN REFERRING TO UAE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION IN 1975. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDTE, THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANOTHER SIMILAR CONTRIBUTION BY UAE. I HOPED UAE COULD CONSIDER MAKING ANOTHER \$2 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA FOR FY 1978.

3. FOR THIS ISSUE, SUWAIDI DID NOT AS HE NORMALLY DOES ASK WHAT SAUDIS OR OTHER GULF STATES WERE DOING BUT MADE A NOTE TO FIND OUT IF ANY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION MADE BY UAE LAST YEAR. WHILE NOT MAKING DIRECT COMMITMENT, BELIEVE HE SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA. I WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE SUBJECT AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.
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